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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 5, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and have been rejected as being either anticipated by or obvious in light of the *Styba* Patent. The applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's rejections and traverse. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claimed subject matter relates to a dock seal disposed around a doorway of the dock. Each of independent claims 1 and 17 recite a dock pad having a heat shield. Claim 1 recites that the heat shield is adjacent a cover disposed on a foam core. Claim 17